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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated February 12, 2003, wherein the pending claims were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 (a) and (b), and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.